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IN THE CLAIMS

Please amend claim 9, as presented in the Preliminary Amendment as follows:

9. (Amended) A smoking article comprising:

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a tobacco rod, said tobacco rod having a blend of shredded tobacco and shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet, said reconstituted tobacco sheet containing activated carbon particles; and

a wrapper around said tobacco rod, said wrapper having an inherent permeability of at least 20 CORESTA .

Please amend claim 15, as follows:

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15. (Amended) The smoking article according to claim 9 further wherein said shredded reconstituted tobacco sheet contains 30% activated carbon particles to reduce aldehyde content of mainstream smoke when the smoking article is smoked.

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